

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2017
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE
6:00PM**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Attorney Homans; County Manager Headley; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

NASCAR Hall of Fame Proclamation for Raymond Parks

Motion passed unanimously to approve the NASCAR Hall of Fame Proclamation for Raymond Parks. Nix/Fausett

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on December 13, 2016. Hamby/Fausett- Commissioner Gaines abstained

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2017. Nix/Gaines

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. on January 12, 2017. Gaines/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Legal

Hamby/Fausett

ZONING:

ZA 16-12 – Perry Betterton has made a request to rezone 2 acres from RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) to RMF (Residential Multi-Family) for an existing duplex. The property is located on TMP 069-026-033.

County Attorney Homans announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak they would have to fill out a disclosure form which would be made available to them. Under normal program, ten minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with the following stipulations:

1. The duplex shall not be expanded beyond its current size.
2. The duplex shall maintain its appearance of a single family residential dwelling.
3. The duplex shall not be rebuilt, altered, or repaired if damage occurs to the property that exceeds 75% of the fair market value of the structure immediately before the damage occurred.
4. If the duplex is ever converted to a single family residential structure, it shall not be reconverted back to a duplex.
5. No subdivision of the subject property shall be allowed to the (2) acre tract that would increase the nonconformity of the duplex by placing it on a smaller piece of property.
6. All stipulations of zoning shall be made a part of any plats made for the subject property.

Applicant Perry Betterton stated that he did not realize the property was not in compliance with current zoning regulations when he purchased it in 2013 and is attempting to remedy that with this zoning application.

County Attorney Homans opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 16-12 with the stipulations recommended by the Planning Commission. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC HEARING:

Updated Purchasing Policy (1st of 2 hearings. 2nd hearing to be held on February 2, 2017)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak on the Updated Purchasing Policy, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Hall County for the Public Defender's Office

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Hall County for the Public Defender's Office. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of 2017 State Contract for the Public Defender's Office

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2017 State Contract for the Public Defender's Office. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Hamby/Fausett

Appointment of BOC Vice-Chair

Motion passed 3-0 to appoint Commissioner Nix as the Vice-Chair for the Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Hamby/Fausett- Commissioner Nix abstained.

Reappointment of County Clerk

Motion passed unanimously to reappoint Danielle Yarbrough as County Clerk. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) Easement

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Transmission Corporation Easement with a covenant. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Board Appointment (tabled from the December 13, 2016 Voting Session)

a. Dawson County Industrial Building Authority Board

- i. Mike Ball- replacing Tom Alexander (Term: January 2017 through December 2018)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Mike Ball to the Dawson County Industrial Building Authority. Hamby/Fausett

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal and personnel. Fausett/Gaines

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Nix/Fausett

Motion passed 3-1 to move forward with the process of hiring an in-house County Attorney and that Monroe Frey and Richard Stancil were being considered for the position.

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk